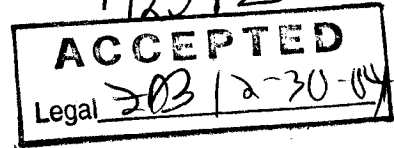


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December 28, 2004

Mr. Charles Terreni
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Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Application of Bush River Utilities, Inc., for approval of a
New Schedule of Rates and Charges for Sewage Service provided
to Commercial Customers in all areas served.
Docket No.: 2004-259-S


Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed please find **Bush River's Responses to Office of Regulatory Staff's First Data Request** filed on behalf of Bush River Utilities, Inc. in the above referenced docket. By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record.

If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Elliott & Elliott, P.A.



Charles H. Cook

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Enclosures

c: F. David Butler, Esquire w/enc.
/ Florence P. Belser, Esquire w/enc. by hand delivery

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2004-259-S

IN RE: Application of BUSH RIVER)
UTILITIES, INC. for Approval of)
New Schedule of Rates and Charges)
For Sewage Service Provided to)
Residential and Commercial)
Customers in all areas Served.)

**Bush River's Responses to the
Office of Regulatory Staff's First
Continuing Data Requests**

**TO: FLORENCE P. BELSER, ESQUIRE, AND BENJAMIN P. MUSTIAN, ESQUIRE
ATTORNEY FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF:**

QUESTIONS

- 1.1 Describe the construction and/or upgrades proposed or taking place at Bush River Utilities, Inc.

ANSWER: The existing wastewater treatment facility will be replaced with new Sequencing Batch Reactor treatment facility.

- 1.2 With regard to the loan agreement referenced in the Application on page 4 in paragraph 8:
a. Has the loan been approved and been finalized?

ANSWER: Yes. The loan was originated on April 8, 2004.

- b. Have the funds from the loan agreement been received?

ANSWER: Only a partial amount of the total loan has been borrowed. The current balance is \$49,955.

- c. What is the loan amount?

ANSWER: \$2,021,400.

- d. What is the interest rate?

ANSWER: The interest rate is currently 5.4%. The loan has a floor of 4.65% and a ceiling of 7.70%.

e. What is the loan period in months?

ANSWER: Sixty months from April 8, 2004, through to maturity on the same date in 2009. The loan has a repayment amortization of 15 years with a repayment balloon at the end of the original five year period.

f. Who is the lender?

**ANSWER: Branch Banking & Trust Co. (BB&T)
309 Columbia Avenue
Lexington, SC 29072**

1.3 Explain the “conditional” nature of the loan as referenced in the Application on page 4, paragraph 8.

ANSWER: The conditional nature as referenced in the rate application applies to the fact that no further advances under the loan agreement shall be allowed unless the PSC approves the rate increases for the three companies.

1.4 List the increased “operating expenses” Bush River Utilities, Inc. has “experienced” as set forth on page 2, paragraph 2 of the Application.

ANSWER: Taxes, interest, depreciation, vehicle expense, professional services, etc.

1.5 Justify Bush River Utilities, Inc.’s “anticipation” that expenses will increase as set forth on page 2, paragraph 2 of the Application.

ANSWER: In order to comply with the DHEC consent order, Bush River Utility must upgrade its WWTF. This upgrade will cost approximately one million dollars. The increase of depreciation and interest expense will be the main expense.

1.6 Provide information on the following:

a. How many taps have been connected to the system from inception of the system to the present?

ANSWER: This system was purchased around 1979. There were no tap records transferred to the present owners. However, we know of 47 commercial taps made.

b. How much revenue from tap fees has been collected from customers from the inception of the system to the present?

ANSWER: The system was purchased in 1979 and we do not have records showing the revenue since that date.

- c. What is the maximum number of taps that can be installed on the present system?

ANSWER: The number of taps is based upon the capacity of the treatment facility. Currently, waste is treated by the Bush River WWTF and has a capacity of 400,000 gallons per day. There is little if any capacity left in the Bush River facility.

- d. How many taps were provided during 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003?

ANSWER: 1999-0, 2000-0, 2001-0, 2002-0, 2003-0

- e. How many taps do you anticipate making per year during the next five years?

ANSWER: We know of no anticipated projects within the next five years. However, there is still property for development and re-development in the service area.

- f. What were the total costs expensed for taps each year during 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003?

ANSWER: The company does not have a separate expense category for tap fee expenses. Most of these costs are associated with the officer salary. Little material cost is associated with the tap.

- g. What were the total costs capitalized for taps for each year during 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003?

ANSWER: None. Please see the explanation above.

- 1.7 List and describe financing costs referred to on page 2, paragraph 3 of the Application.

ANSWER: As a condition of the loan, the bank required title insurance, etc. The Borrower's closing statement is presented as Exhibit 1.7.

- 1.8 Explain why completion of the proposed construction will cause rates to exceed the rates charged during construction.

ANSWER: Certain capitalized assets will only receive one-half a year of depreciation and interest expense during construction. After construction rates include a full year of depreciation and interest.

1.9 On pages 2 and 3, paragraph 4 of the Application states, "The new schedule of rates and charges effective during the period of construction create additional monthly revenues of \$6,643.00 in addition to the monthly revenue generated during the test year ending December 31, 2003. The new schedule of rates and charges effective upon completion of construction create additional monthly revenues of \$11,122.00 in addition to the monthly revenue generated during

the test year ending December 31, 2003.” Exhibit 2, page 1 of 5, lists revenues during the test year, during construction, and after construction as \$266,084, \$358,161, and \$411,105, respectively. The increase in monthly revenue as shown in Exhibit 2, page 1, would be \$7,673.08 during the period of construction and \$12,085.08 after completion of construction. These amounts exceed the increase in revenue stated in paragraph 4 of the Application. Explain the difference.

ANSWER: The \$6,643 additional revenue during construction shown on Exhibit 2, page 4 of 4 is annualized to give a gross revenue of \$79,713; this number is adjusted for the 1.5 percent un-collectibles, which equals \$5,454, to yield \$358,161 for the net revenue requirement. The \$11,122 additional revenue during construction Exhibit 2, page 4 of 4 is annualized to give a gross revenue of \$133,464; this number is adjusted for the 1.5 percent un-collectibles, which equals \$6,260, to yield \$417,365 for the net revenue requirement.

1.10 List names and business titles of all people who provided information for preparation of the Application. List the names and business titles of all people who provided information for preparation of the Application exhibits. Indicate who calculated the numbers for each exhibit and list the appropriate exhibit next to the individual’s name.

ANSWER: Exhibit 1 – Keith Parnell, PE; Heyward Addy, CPA
Exhibit 2 – Keith Parnell, PE; Heyward Addy, CPA
Exhibit 3 - Heyward Addy, CPA
Exhibit 4 – Keith Parnell, PE
Exhibit 5 – Heyward Addy, CPA
Exhibit 6 – Keith Parnell, PE
Exhibit 7 – Keith Parnell, PE

1.11 Provide the beginning and ending dates or estimated beginning and ending dates for the phases of construction.

ANSWER: Construction should begin 30 days after approval PSC of all of the requested rates by DSI, Bush River and Midlands before the Commission. Completion of construction is estimated at 18 months.

1.12 List the number of residential and commercial customers as of December 31, 2003 and November 1, 2004.

ANSWER:	Commercial	Residential
12/31/2003	35	0
11/01/2004	34	0

1.13 What were officer and employee salaries in 1996?

ANSWER:

Name	Gross Weekly Salary
Charles B. Parnell	\$770.00
Gail R. Oliver	\$196.08
Keith G. Parnell	\$316.25
Wade Browder	\$196.08
Gary Day	\$137.50
Ron Brewer	\$320.00
Anthony McCullough	\$320.00
Charles K. Parnell	\$162.43 (monthly)

1.14 Where is the performance bond accounted for in the financial information?

ANSWER: The performance bond is a personal financial statement.

1.15 Explain the \$1,166 used in calculating tap fees as shown in Exhibit 1, page 3 of 3 of the Application. Justify the need to increase this amount from the \$300 approved by the Commission in 1996 (Order No. 96-44).

ANSWER: The new Bush River facility, when completed, will have over \$1,166,000 invested in construction. A tap fee is designed to recapture the capital. Therefore, new users should pay their pro-rata share for capacity in the facility. The facility will be permitted to 400,000 gallons per day or:

$\$1,166,000/400,000 \text{ gallons} = \$2.92/\text{gallon}$
therefore, 400 gallons/day per resident = $400 \times \$2.92 = \$1,166.00$

1.16 Provide justification for the rates during and after construction listed in Exhibit 1.

ANSWER: Primary cause of rate increase is the increased depreciation and interest expense associated with constructing a new wastewater treatment facility.

1.17 Is the state's tax credit for pollution control equipment being claimed by Bush River Utilities, Inc. during the test year, during construction, and after construction? If so, what is the tax credit (or expected tax credit), and where is it included in the financial information submitted with the Application?

ANSWER: No, the CPA is investigating

1.18 Is the state's tax credit for the construction or improvement of an infrastructure being claimed by Bush River Utilities, Inc. during the test year, during construction, and after construction? If so, what is the tax credit (or the expected tax credit), and where is it included in the financial information submitted with the Application?

ANSWER: No, there will be no improvements to the infrastructure.

1.19 List employees employed during the years ending December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, including their position, date of hire, salary, hours worked per week, exempt/non-exempt status, and duties.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.19

1.20 List state regulatory commission expenses for the test year of 2003 and for 2004, including legal expenses and postage.

ANSWER: PSC Utility Assessment Tax 2003 - \$2,261.58

PSC Utility Assessment Tax 2002 - \$2,377.34

In addition, a portion of the CPA's fee can be attributed to filing the annual reports. By year they are:

2003 - \$1,800.00 Heyward Addy

2004 - \$3,850.00 Heyward Addy

1.21 Describe and detail all construction and/or current system improvement options Bush River Utilities, Inc. researched, and why these options were not chosen. Provide a list of any documents or research materials used in considering the construction options.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.21

1.22 Describe any new technology the proposed construction or upgrades will utilize in treating wastewater. Provide justification for the use of this technology. Describe how and when Bush River Utilities, Inc. learned of this technology. Provide any documents or research materials relating to this technology.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.22

1.23 Has the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) approved the proposed construction or upgrades to Bush River Utilities, Inc.? If so, provide documentation of DHEC's approval. If not, what is the current status of DHEC's approval? What additional information does DHEC require to approve the proposed construction or upgrades? Provide any documents or information given to DHEC relating to a request for approval of the proposed construction or upgrades. Provide an estimated date for when DHEC will approve the proposed construction or upgrades.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.23

1.24 Describe all financial transactions between DSI, Inc., Bush River Utilities, Inc., and Midlands Utilities, Inc. for the twelve months ended December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

ANSWER: The CPA has allocated chart of account expenses through year ending journal entries disclosed in Exhibit 1.67 showing complete general accounting ledger.

1.25 Provide annual expenses for Bush River Utilities, Inc. for the twelve months ended December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 for the following accounts:

- a. salaries & wages
- b. purchased power
- c. purchased sewage treatment
- d. maintenance & repair
- e. chemicals
- f. office supplies & other office expenses
- g. regulatory commission expenses
- h. pension & other benefits
- i. rent
- j. insurance
- k. office utilities
- l. miscellaneous
- m. legal expenses and other professional services

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.59 and 1.60. Please note that the year 1999, as categorized by the data request, is not readily extractable from the available records. All three companies were using a software package no longer in existence.

1.26 Provide the balance of Accrued Interest on Customer Deposits as of December 31, 2003.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.26

1.27 Submit detailed working papers breaking down the “base year” revenue, the “during construction” revenue, and the “after construction” revenue of Bush River Utilities, Inc.

ANSWER: The base year revenue is the actual revenue collected. See Exhibit 1.27. The during and after construction revenues were obtained by adding the additional expenses and distributing them by multiplying the required revenue times the percentage of total revenue that the current customer is paying. This is shown in detail on Exhibit 2 of the filing.

1.28 What debts or other obligations of Bush River Utilities, Inc. generated Interest Expense of \$2259.00 for the test year?

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.28; All interest expense is associated with the loan for the Vactor and sewer camera.

1.29 Provide a detailed breakdown for the “Salaries – Other” category containing the amounts \$45,959; \$46,000; and \$48,600, respectively. List the employee’s name, amount paid and to be paid to the employee, and the duty performed by the employee.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.29; The schedule containing these numbers should be revised to include \$4,113 to account for paid bonuses. In addition, the Taxes on the schedule should be reduced by \$4,113 since the bonuses were placed in taxes.

1.30 What changes in debts or obligations or what additional debts or other obligations will Bush River Utilities, Inc. assume or expect to assume necessitating an increase in “interest expenses” to \$29,598 during construction and \$33,903 after construction?

ANSWER: Certain capitalized assets (new wastewater treatment plant) will only receive one-half a year of depreciation and interest expense during construction. After construction rates include a full year of depreciation and interest.

1.31 To what assets and in what amounts does the Depreciation Expense as shown in the Income Statement apply?

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.31

1.32 Why does the Depreciation Expense increase during construction and after construction?

ANSWER: Certain capitalized assets (new wastewater treatment plant) will only receive one-half a year of depreciation and interest expense during construction. After construction rates include a full year of depreciation and interest.

1.33 Explain the proposed decreases in expenses for Chemicals and detail how the decreases were calculated.

ANSWER: The new wastewater plant will use ultra-violet light for disinfection. The Utility will not have to purchase chlorine or sulfur dioxide. The remaining chemical cost will include polymer for the sludge press.

1.34 Provide justification for the proposed increase in Professional Services and include detail of the services being provided.

ANSWER: The increase is due to including the closing costs of the loan depreciated over 20 years using S/L method.

1.35 What expenses are included in Utilities? Explain why this amount increases during construction and after construction.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.35; Those items should be re-classified into Plant Expenses, Electricity

1.36 What expenses are included in Administration Expenses? Explain why this amount decreases during construction and after construction.

ANSWER: This is the \$1,500 paid to Midlands each month for medical, property, and liability insurance. Also included in this amount is office expenses.

1.37 Provide invoices or documentation concerning “rate case expenses.”

ANSWER: See Exhibit 1.37

1.38 What amortization period is being proposed for rate case expenses? Provide justification for the proposed amortization period.

ANSWER: Three years. This is the standard amortization period used for rate case expense that has been approved by the Commission in the past.

1.39 Explain how the annual cost for sludge disposal was calculated for the periods during construction and after construction. Provide details and any documentation as to how the amount of sludge needed to be dewatered and further treated for disposal was calculated.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.39

1.40 During the test year, the period during construction and the period after construction, what items are included in the expense category “Other Operating Expense” and in what amounts?

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.40

1.41 Provide details and any documentation regarding the DHEC fines. For what reasons and in what amounts were the fines issued?

ANSWER: Due to discharge violations of the NPDES permit. The DHEC Consent Order has been provided.

1.42 Provide justification for why the fines should be included as an allowable expense for Bush River Utilities, Inc. in determining its rates for sewer service.

ANSWER: As of the filing of this data request, all fines have been satisfied. Bush River has not included them in the rate.

1.43 Provide justification and explanation for the proposed “adjustment for 1.5% uncollectibles” as shown in “Income and Expense Calculations.”

ANSWER: Test year revenues for sewer service were \$265,566.87. Revenue based on 100% collections from the customer base (Exhibit 2 of application) is \$23,658.52 monthly. Annualize this amount to \$283,902.24. The collections were:

$265,566.87/283,902.24 \times 100 = 93.54\%$ or

$100\% - 93.54 = 6.46\%$ un-collectible, therefore 1.5% is reasonable

1.44 Exhibit 2, page 2 of 5 indicates there are 1314 Single Family Equivalents. Provide details as to how this number was determined. Explain the term “Single Family Equivalent” as it is used in the application.

ANSWER: The 1314 Single Family Equivalent (SFE) was determined by dividing the existing total monthly revenue (\$23,658.52), by the existing monthly residential rate (\$18.00)

A SFE is defined as a residential unit that flows 400 gallons per day as defined by SCDHEC. It gives us an estimate of how many “houses” a given commercial customer is contributing. However, it does not account for waste strength.

1.45 Detail and describe the 1099 Stock Purchase indicated in Exhibit 2, page 3 of 5. Provide any documentation regarding these purchases.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.45

1.46 Reconcile the statements contained in paragraph 1 of the Application stating, “Bush River furnishes sewer collection and sewer treatment service to thirty-five (35) active commercial customers (including one wholesale utility customer)” to Exhibit 2, pages 4 and 5 and to Exhibit 4. The number of active customers indicated in Exhibit 2 does not match those indicated in the Application and Exhibit 4.

ANSWER: The exhibits were created at a different time than the application. Vacancy of any customer can vary from month to month.

1.47 What month(s) and year(s) were used to determine the list of customers indicated in Exhibit 2, pages 4 and 5?

ANSWER: During the spring of 2002

1.48 Describe in detail the current liabilities comprising the \$9,250 in “notes payable” listed in Exhibit 3.

ANSWER: All of the listed amount is the Vactor and sewer camera note.

1.49 Provide justification for the Life Years of the property listed in the Depreciation Schedule in Exhibit 3.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.30

1.50 In the last rate case involving Bush River Utilities, Inc., the Commission in its “Order Approving Rates and Charges,” Order No. 96-44, dated January 19, 1996 (Docket No. 94-727-S) rejected the Companies’ proposed plant depreciation rate of twenty years and adopted the Staff recommendation of fifty years which Staff considered to be the actual life of the plant. Exhibit 3 indicates the plant is currently on a twenty year depreciation schedule. Explain and justify the accelerated depreciation.

ANSWER: Several reasons are given. The first is the loan period will not likely exceed twenty years. Most lending institutions will not lend longer than 20 years. In addition, DHEC is issuing discharge permits for only five years. Future issuances of the discharge permit may require significant upgrades. The useful life must equate to the current environment necessities and technology changes which have considered "bankable" risks.

1.51 What "land" and "plant and equipment" listed in Exhibit 5 does Bush River Utilities own and where is it located? Indicate the years each was placed in service and its purchase price.

ANSWER: Bush River owns 3.0 acres on the Saluda River. This property is located in Lexington County, South Carolina. Other equipment is fully listed on the depreciation schedule shown on Exhibit 1.51.

1.52 In the last rate case involving Bush River Utilities, Inc., the Commission in its "Order Approving Rates and Charges," Order No. 96-44, dated January 19, 1996 (Docket No. 94-727-S) ordered DSI, Inc. and Bush River Utilities, Inc. "to institute the use of time sheets or time cards to keep a record of the time which common employees spend working for each Company." Have DSI, Inc. and Bush River Utilities, Inc. complied with this directive of the Commission as contained in Order No. 96-44?

ANSWER: The companies have maintained employee records which denote payroll expense, FICA and other appropriate journals. Because of the common ownership, management has determined the amount of allocated time on a best efforts basis. A fair and just allocation in keeping with the intent of the Commission's order has been accomplished without prejudice to any of the respective expenses for payroll.

1.53 Subsequent to the last rate case, has there been any change in the ownership of Bush River Utilities, Inc.? If so, provide a listing of the owners of the Company. Was the change in ownership approved by the Commission? If so, please identify the docket in which the Commission addressed the change of ownership of the Company?

ANSWER: No. We are apprised that we have met all necessary requirements of ownership.

1.54 List by year the total number of bills issued to customers during the years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

ANSWER:

Year	Commercial	Residential	Total
1999	456	0	456
2000	444	0	444
2001	504	0	504
2002	564	0	564
2003	420	0	420

1.55 Provide a complete history of “Availability Fees” collected, including the number of Availability Accounts as of December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2003.

ANSWER: Bush River does not have any of these fees.

1.56 List the Bush River Utilities, Inc. assets pledged for the loan referenced in the Application.

ANSWER: All of the net worth and stock owned by the shareholders. Bush River signed the loan documents as a co-maker of the loan and mortgaged its real property and provided a security interest in personal property.

1.57 Item 25 of the BB& T loan commitment letter states that the “Borrower must furnish bank with letters of good standing or other documentation evidencing that Midlands Utility and related, remains in compliance with DHEC and the Public Service Commission.” Please explain and describe how Bush River Utilities, Inc. intends to comply with this requirement. Provide a copy of the bank commitment letter to provide financing for the construction project.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.57 Good standing letters will be periodically provided to the bank.

1.58 Provide the method of allocation for common expenses between DSI, Inc., Bush River Utilities, Inc., and Midlands Utility, Inc.

ANSWER: See Exhibit 1.67 for complete general accounting ledger with pro-rational interest.

1.59 Provide a comparative statement and detailed work papers for expense categories and expenses by account number, including labor, for utility operations for the twelve-month periods ending December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

ANSWER: Please find enclosed information in Exhibit 1.59. Please note that the year 1999, as categorized by the data request, is not readily extractable from the available records. All three companies were using a software package no longer in existence.

1.60 Provide a comparative statement and detailed work papers for expense categories and expenses by account number, excluding labor, for utility operations for the twelve-month periods ending December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

ANSWER: Please find enclosed information in Exhibit 1.60. Please note that the year 1999, as categorized by the data request, is not readily extractable from the available records. All three companies were using a software package no longer in existence.

1.61 Provide a copy of the loan agreement referenced in the Application on page 4, paragraph 8, its applicable amortization schedule, and any other relevant documentation.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.61.

1.62 Submit all copies of bills submitted by Bush River Utilities, Inc. to DSI, Inc. and a schedule of monthly payments from DSI, Inc. to Bush River Utilities, Inc. for the years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

ANSWER: The same constant rate of bills have been submitted by Bush River to DSI since 1996 when the last rate increase was obtained. The monthly amount is \$15,114.03.

1.63 Submit a schedule of projected monthly payments from DSI, Inc. to Bush River Utilities, Inc. during the “construction” phase and during the “after construction” phase.

ANSWER: Constant monthly payment of \$20,334.82 during construction. After construction a constant monthly payment of \$23,340.74.

1.64 Provide a schedule showing when salaries of Bush River Utilities, Inc. employees are paid and pay stubs for three consecutive pay periods for officers and staff.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.64

1.65 Provide a schedule detailing the amount of bonuses received by Bush River Utilities, Inc. officers, owners and employees during the test year.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.65

1.66 Provide a depreciation schedule for all Bush River Utilities, Inc. plant and equipment.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.66

1.67 Provide the complete general accounting ledger for the 2003 test year.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.67

1.68 Provide a schedule showing the number of billing units served by Bush River Utilities, Inc. at December 31, 2003 for the following:

- a. Residential (single family/apartments)
- b. Mobile Homes
- c. Car Washes
- d. Churches
- e. Factories (separated by those with no showers, with showers, and with kitchen facilities)
- f. Food Services Operations (separated by those that are not 24-hour restaurants, are 24-hour restaurants, provide curb-side service, serve fast-food, and are a vending machine restaurant)

- g. Institutions
- h. Motels/Hotels
- i. Nursing Homes (separated by those that do and do not provide laundry services)
- j. Laundries
- k. Offices
- l. Picnic Parks
- m. Assisted Living Homes (separated by those that do and do not provide laundry services)
- n. Schools
- o. Service Stations (separated by those with bays and without bays)
- p. Shopping Centers
- q. Swimming Pools
- r. Theaters
- s. Country Clubs, Fitness Centers, Spas, Health Clubs, and similar entities.
- t. All remaining customers not listed above.

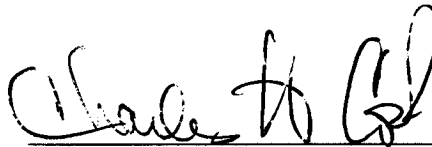
ANSWER: See Exhibit 1.68

1.69 Provide all work papers, documents, plats, maps, recordings or other items used to prepare the Application and its attached Exhibits.

ANSWER: All papers and documents provided as Exhibits within the data response constitute items used to prepare the Application and Exhibits.

1.70 Provide all federal and state income tax returns signed and filed by Bush River Utilities, Inc. for tax years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003. This request includes all supporting schedules and documents, such as 1099s, and the like, whether filed or not.

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit 1.70



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December 28, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned employee of Elliott & Elliott, P.A. does hereby certify that he has served below listed parties with a copy of Bush River's Responses to Office of Regulatory Staff's First Data Request on behalf of Bush River Utilities, Inc., indicated below by hand delivery:

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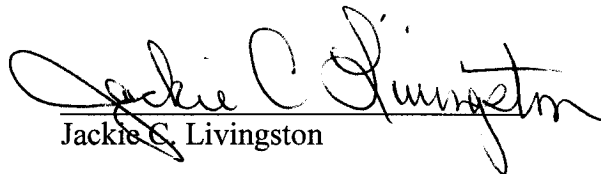
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